

Chair's Report to the Board, April 2017

Start date confirmed for our new Chief Executive

I am pleased to be able to confirm the start date for our new Chief Executive, Richard Mitchell.

Richard, who is moving from University Hospitals of Leicester, will join us on July 3 and I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to the Trust. Richard's skills, experience and passion for delivering sustainable improvement are a perfect fit for Sherwood Forest Hospitals as we continue our journey towards becoming outstanding.

Confirming Richard's start date does also mean that Peter Herring will be leaving us at the end of June and I can only repeat previous statements that Peter should be extremely proud to be handing over the reins after such a sustained period of improvement and stability.

This provides Richard with a strong foundation from which to build on our CARE values and our dedication to providing outstanding care for our patients and their families.

Meeting People Around the Trust

I am keen to meet as many people as possible across the Trust over my first three months and have visited departments in both Mansfield and Newark. I have been really impressed by the enthusiasm, pride in our services and commitment to continually improving services as well as the excellent work with our partners in the health and social care sector.

Sherwood Forest and Health Education England unveil £120,000 investment

The postgraduate dental training suite at King's Mill Hospital has become one of the first post-graduate centres in the world to offer dentists the very latest in virtual reality training.

SFH, in partnership with Health Education England – East Midlands, has invested £120,000 in three simulators as part of plans to establish the East Midlands as a centre of excellence for simulated dental training. Up to 100 dentists – a combination of newly qualified individuals and those wishing to refresh skills and techniques – are expected to use the technology every year.

Our three Moog Simodont dental trainers offer high-resolution, three-dimensional images combined with a dentist's drill hand piece that gives realistic computer controlled feedback, recreating the sensation of working on real patients.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity donations pay for £47,000 surgical X-ray equipment

We are extremely grateful to everyone from the community who has given to Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity following the installation of a £47,000 mini c-arm X-ray machine. This will allow surgeons to take X-rays from almost any angle as well as view live images during orthopaedic and podiatry procedures. It will reduce the need for a radiographer to be present and for patients to have to return for follow-up X-rays, making our service more efficient.

Donations like these are a clear demonstration of how important the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity's work is when it comes to providing better care for our patients.